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The Hon Duane P Andrews
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Dear Mr Andrews,

CBS and Sun International Pictures are producing a network special called "The Secret of Noah's Ark", scheduled for airing in September of this year. The special will be part of a series on biblical matters and is expected to reach about 35 million viewers.

The producers have gathered a number of indications that the U.S. intelligence services are in possession of pictorial evidence that the Ark, or parts of it, still exists; on p. 2 of their accompanying letter, they list some of these sources. Some, such as the late former astronaut James Irwin, do capture the imagination.

As the tradition of the Ark is honored by the Moslem, Christian, and Jewish faiths, there are many people throughout the world who would be interested in evidence concerning its existence or survival. Your assistance is requested in having such evidence now in the hands of our intelligence services released, where this can be done without compromising U.S. security.

Any assistance which you can render would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your consideration.

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SUN INTERNATIONAL PICTURES, INC.

July 16, 1992

John E. Horton
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Dear Mr. Horton:

In speaking with your associate, Dr. Ray Smith, we're of the opinion you may be able to help us on a CBS-TV Network Special tentatively called "The Secret of Noah's Ark," scheduled for airing in September.

Sun International Pictures produces biblical-themed network productions for prime-time television. The viewing audience for our two-hour upcoming Mt. Ararat-Noah's Ark CBS Special is expected to be about 35 million viewers as the show will air in "Sweeps Week" during prime-time evening hours. It will then air twice again on CBS before going into foreign and domestic syndication, as well as the home video market. We garner more viewers than any theatrical movie!

Our recent Sun-CBS Specials "Ancient Secrets of the Bible" (May 15) won the prime-time evening Nielsen Rating during Sweeps Week and "Miracles and Other Wonders" (June 5) pulled second place for the evening.

Intelligence Reports Cited

In researching the historical evidence that the biblical Noah's Ark account is factually true and that the remains of the Ark are still encased in ice and snow (sometimes partially exposed due to excessive summer meltback) on Mt. Ararat in Eastern Turkey, we have interviewed several reliable people who say various intelligence departments of the U.S. military and the federal government are maintaining files on Mt. Ararat-Noah's Ark.

Not only are files being maintained on this subject, but photographic evidence of the Ark on Mt. Ararat are said to be in some of these files. Additionally, satellite photographic confirmation and CIA-Defense Department satellite radar-penetrating imagery also allegedly confirms this manmade object near the summit of Mt. Ararat.

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Available Evidence Referencing Intelligence Files

Although we have received numerous reports of such material being gathered and files being maintained by U.S. intelligence agencies, the following are representative examples:

- The late Astronaut Col. James Irwin said he personally saw the Air Force file on Mt. Ararat-Noah's Ark, but it is not known if he was allowed to thoroughly review its contents.

- There were numerous sightings by Air Force pilots during World War II. Some photographs were taken and turned over to Air Force superiors for processing.

- Gregor Schwinghammer, an Air Force pilot stationed in Turkey during the late 1950s, saw it while doing reconnaissance work. He described it as a "big rectangular, huge boxcar-like manmade structure."

- In 1974, Al Shappell was the photographer on an Air Force F-4 recon mission over Mt. Ararat to more closely examine the artifact allegedly noted on satellite photos. The film was turned over to the Air Force for analysis. Shappell described what he saw as "a dark foreign object two-thirds of the way up the mountain near a gorge. It was oblong and partially buried in the glacial ice."

- A former Air Force DC-3 pilot dropping freight in Eastern Turkey for the CIA in the early 1960s saw it along with several other pilots flying missions for the CIA. He says the CIA and the Air Force are well aware of the wooden barge on Mt. Ararat and pictures were probably turned over to these agencies.

- In 1974, retired Air Force Col. Walter T. Brown, Jr., was summoned to the CIA by Director Bill Colby and directed to disclose all his Ark knowledge, Ararat information, and Ark contacts to Colby's assistant Howey Schue who was overseeing a special Mt. Ararat-Noah's Ark project.

- It is also known by people familiar with the capability of U.S. Defense photographic satellites and CIA radar-penetrating satellites that these satellites have confirmed the Ark on Mt. Ararat.

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Cooperation Sought from Government Agencies

As we are making a positive TV Special and would portray any U.S. Government agency participation in a positive light, we are seeking the cooperation of any and all government intelligence-gathering agencies to let us do the following:

(1) Open up their Mt. Ararat-Noah's Ark files to our review for further evidence that would help to establish that the Ark is still on Mt. Ararat. This could possibly be done through some type of Freedom of Information approach where sensitive information such as names could be deleted.

(2) Allow Sun to use any old or current photographs taken of the Ark on Mt. Ararat by military or intelligence personnel. Both the Air Force and CIA should have several photos in their files.

(3) Allow Sun to use CIA Defense Department high resolution aerial/satellite photos or radar-penetrating imagery to establish the exact position of the Ark on Mt. Ararat. These photos may visually show the Ark or the radar imagery is capable of showing where it is under the ice. The Russian ALMAZ and French SPOT satellites do not provide high enough resolution to find or identify the Ark on Ararat.

As our production must air on CBS in September, we must ask you to move quickly on our request to government agencies. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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